

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-22, and 24-27 are presently pending and stand rejected.

Examiner has objected to the specification. Assignee has amended the specification, and it is respectfully submitted that the objection is now overcome.

Claims 19-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101. Assignee has amended claim 19 as suggested by Examiner and it is respectfully submitted that this rejection is now overcome.

Claims 1 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Malladi.

Claims 1 and 19 are amended to recite, among other limitations, "wherein the start code table comprises a plurality of data words and wherein writing one or more start codes further comprises writing a plurality of start codes to a particular one of the plurality of data words".

Examiner has indicated that "Malladi (modified by Hoogenboom) teaches the start code table [Fig. 4; Col. 15 Lines 34-39, 45-46, 54-56; Hoogenboom - Col. 2, Line 13]".

Although the foregoing teaches that "The PES header is then stored in a start code table 408", "The byte alignment, start code detection, writing to start code, and buffer management, "none of the foregoing teach or fairly suggest writing one or more start codes further comprises writing a plurality of start codes to a particular one of the plurality of data words". Hoogenboom, Col. 2, lines 12-14 merely teaches "At the receiver the variable length code words are decoded by, e.g., a Huffman decoder."

Accordingly, Assignee respectfully traverses and requests that Examiner withdraw the rejection to claims 1 and 19, as well as to dependent claims 2-4, 6-9, 20-22, and

24-27. Additionally, for at least the foregoing reasons, Assignee also traverses the rejection to claim 10, and request that Examiner withdraw the rejection to claim 10 and dependent claims 11-18.

CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, Assignee respectfully submits that each of the pending claims are allowable and Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this case to issuance. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge additional fees or credit overpayments to the deposit account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Account No. 13-0017.

Dated: January 4, 2008

Respectfully submitted,



Mirut Dalal
Reg. No. 44,052
Attorney for Applicants

McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Ltd.
500 West Madison Street
Chicago, Illinois 60661

Telephone: (312) 775-8000
Facsimile: (312) 775-8100